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SUBJ: REPORT ON CABINDA SITUATION

1. ACCORDING TO LOCAL FRENCH BUSINESSMAN/ADVENTURER WHO HAS CLOSE RELATIONS WITH CABINDAN GROUPS, COLONEL JEAN DA COSTA OF MOLICA PLANS TRIP SHORTLY TO ISRAEL FOR PURCHASE OF 3,000 ISRAELI ASSAULT RIFLES. FRENCH SOURCE SAID HE PLANS TO ACCOMPANY DA COSTA ON TRIP, AND SUBSEQUENTLY TO ARRANGE TRANSSHIPMENT OF ARMS TO CABINDA THROUGH ZAIRE OR SAO TOME. SOURCE ADDED THAT STP PREFERRED FOR OPERATION SINCE "HE DOES NOT TRUST ZAIROIS" AND "THINGS CAN BE ARRANGED EASIER" IN SAO TOME.

2. ACCORDING SOURCE, CABINDANS ARE MAKING LIFE MISERABLE FOR CUBANS IN ENCLAVE. SOURCE ESTIMATED TOTAL NUMBER OF CUBANS IN ANGOLA (INCLUDING CABINDA) AND EQUATORIAL GUINEA AT 30,000, AND ALLEGED THAT SOME HAVE BEGUN MOVING FROM ANGOLA TO WORK WITH ZIMBABWE LIBERATION MOVEMENTS.

3. SOURCE IS FRENCH NATIONAL WHO RUNS SMALL SALVAGE AND UNDERWATER DIVING COMPANY AND WHO TRAVELS FREQUENTLY
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TO EUROPE AND OCCASIONALLY TO US. HE HAS PREVIOUSLY ACTED AS GO-BETWEEN FOR MOLICA AND FLEC, BUT ACCURACY OF HIS INFORMATION HAS NOT BEENTESTED.STEIGMAN

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